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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ASEAN STATEMENT CONDEMNING ISRAEL

REF: SINGAPORE 4527

1. STRAITS TIMES CARRIED BRIEF REPORT DATED NOV-
EMBER 28 DATELINED JAKARTA TO EFFECT THAT
INDONESIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN
STATEMENT SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK ON
BEHALF OF ASEAN CONDEMNED ISRAEL FOR ITS CON-
TINUED OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES SEIZED
DURING 1967 WAR.

2. RECALLING FONMIN PERMSEC BOGAARS' COMMENTS TO ME
REPORTED REFTEL THAT SINGAPORE HAD BEEN PARTIALLY
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RESPONSIBLE IN SIDE-TRACKING JOINT STATEMENT ON THIS

SUBJECT BY REFERRING IT TO ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, I CALLED BOGAARS TO CONFIRM WHETHER MALIK STATEMENT ACCURATE. BOGAARS ADMITTED THAT MALIK HAD ISSUED STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF FIVE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTRIES. HE NOTED THAIS AND MALAYSIANS HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO GO ALONG WITH IT, BUT THAT INDONESIA HAD PUT HEAVY PRESSURE ON GOM TO ACCEDE. HE IMPLIED THAT ONCE INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA WERE IN AGREEMENT, IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR SINGAPORE TO TAKE DIFFERENT POSITION. HE ADDED THAT GOS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN WATERING DOWN PARA "D" OF STATEMENT.

3. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR RUKMITO TOLD ME PHILS WERE PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PUSHING STATEMENT. HE INDICATED GOS HAD MADE ONLY EDITORIAL CHANGE IN TEXT WHICH HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE SIGNIFICANCE.

4. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM BOGAARS" MANNER THAT HE WAS EMBARRASSED ABOUT STATEMENT AND THAT GOS HAD FELT IT NECESSARY TO REVERSE POSITION HE HAD OUTLINED TO ME ON NOV 22 (PARA 3 REFTEL). HOWEVER, IT IS APPARENT FROM FACT GOS ENDORSED STATEMENT AND ITS ACTIONS IN REQUESTING OIL REFINERIES TO CUT OFF OIL TO ARAB- EMBARGOED DESTINATIONS THAT LEE AND HIS TOP MINISTERS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER OIL SUPPLY PROBLEM AND PREPARED TO GO TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO ACCOMODATE ARABS -- ESPECIALLY IF ARAB POSITIONS ARE SUPPORTED BY INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA.
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